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Thatcher dashes hopes of spring tax cuts

By Julian Haviland, Political Editor

The Prime Minister yesterday killed the reports that she expects taxes to be reduced in the Budget next spring.

OFT chief refuses to drop Stock Exchange action

By Philip Robinson and Derek Harris

Sir Gordon Borrie, director-general of the Office of Fair Trading, indicated last night that the Government might have to pass legislation if it wished him to drop the court case against the Stock Exchange.

Adams told 'no jail visits to terrorists'

By John Witherow and Richard Ford

The Home Office has forbidden Mr Gerry Adams, Provisional Sinn Fein MP for Belfast West, to visit IRA prisoners in mainland jails.

Envoy had several lovers in Israel

By Philip Webster, Political Reporter

Miss Rhona Ritchie, the first secretary at the British Embassy in Tel Aviv who passed secrets to an Egyptian diplomat with whom she was having an affair, had a number of lovers.



Rhona Ritchie vulnerable through relationships

Heatwave breaks records throughout Europe

By David Nicholson-Lord

Temperature records continued to be broken throughout Europe yesterday as the heatwave maintained its grip.



Crash orphan: Howard Goddard aged 12, attending the funeral yesterday at St Mary's Church, Ickleton, Cambridgeshire, of his father, mother, brother and sister, all killed in the Scillies helicopter tragedy. Funeral of victims, page 2

Arabs under curfew for Jewish ceremony

From Christopher Walker, Hebron

While the 70,000 Arabs of Hebron remained confined to their homes yesterday under Israeli curfew, two Cabinet ministers presided over a sombre ceremony near the centre of the eerily deserted city to commemorate the 1929 Arab massacre of 67 members of the Jewish community.

Israel tells Phalange to quit barracks

From Robert Fisk, Beirut

Israel's long-standing alliance with the right-wing Lebanese Phalange militia appeared to be on the verge of breaking apart last night after Israeli troops ordered the militia to close down one of its barracks in southern Lebanon.

Telephone bills to rise by 2.9%

By Clive Cookson

Telephone bills will rise by an average of 2.9 per cent in November when British Telecom ends its two-year price freeze.

Our position as Leader is in keeping with the quality of the blend

BELL'S Scotland's Number One Quality Scotch. Includes image of a bottle of Bell's Scotch Whisky.

Decision to give parents choice on the cane criticized as unworkable

By Lucy Hodges, Education Correspondent

Parents are to be allowed to give their children corporal punishment in schools, the decision will not be made until it was announced last week.

Government's decision that two forms of cane will operate within the same school and some fear that that will be criticized by the National Association of School Teachers, the largest teachers' union, has 250,000 members. Angus McAvoy, its deputy secretary, said that it was a "disastrous" decision.

As part of the Government's plan, the cane will be used to "strip the Beaten Badges" from the backs of the children. Tom Scott, of the Society for the Abolition of Physical Punishment, said that the cane would be unworkable and that the Government should try to exempt their children from the cane.

Scott said he would write to Strasbourg, "in the name of the British Government of Europe" to demand that the Government should already have delayed months.

Peter Dawson, general secretary of the National Association of Teachers, said: "It is a disaster to have two disciplinary systems operating in the same school."

Mr David Hart, general secretary of the National Association of Head Teachers, said that he was disappointed and dismayed. He felt that the European Court of Human Rights would soon rule against the practice altogether.

The National Association of School Teachers Union of Women Teachers said that not all children could be beaten without creating problems.

The new policy is designed to meet last year's judgment by the European Court of Human Rights which said that children should not be beaten against their parents' philosophical convictions.

A document published yesterday by the Department of Education and Science, coinciding with a parliamentary question to Sir Keith Joseph, the Secretary of State for Education and Science, says that there will be consultations on implementation, but not about the decision.

Sir Keith said in a Commons written reply that he believed parents would exercise their right to opt out "responsibly".

"We are concerned to allow schools the maximum freedom, consistent with such a right of exemption, to employ for the maintenance of discipline such sanctions, including corporal punishment, as they judge to be appropriate."

The abolition of corporal punishment in England and Wales is ruled out on the ground that many parents and teachers favour its retention.

The department said yesterday that it had conducted no new public opinion poll but that its impression was that most parents favoured the cane.

The document rules out setting up corporal punishment and non corporal punishment schools as being expensive, impractical and administratively cumbersome.

It outlines three ways in which parents could opt out of corporal punishment for their children: leaving the initiative to parents who opposed it; leaving the initiative to those who do not object; or asking parents to state their preference.

The document says the third approach would give the clearest picture, but involve the most work.

The document is being sent to local authority, teacher, and parent associations for comments, which should be made before the end of November. Legislation is not envisaged until 1984.

Independent schools will be largely unaffected because parents have a choice there, but local authority places are covered, as well as places in the music and ballet scheme.

Corporal Punishment in Schools: A Consultative Document, Department of Education and Science, Elizabeth House, York Road, London, SE1 7PH; free.

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Wife used husband's gun gift to kill him

By Craig Seton

A woman described by a former Queen's esquire as "very warm, friendly and welcoming" was jailed for two years yesterday for killing her husband with a shotgun he had given her as a Christmas present.

Mrs Jennifer Davis, aged 44, denied murder but admitted the manslaughter on the grounds of diminished responsibility, of her husband Christopher, aged 40, a former captain in the Gloucestershire Regiment.

She shot him in the study of their five-bedroom country house at Bradford-on-Avon, Wiltshire, after a row over some missing sherry.

Mr Justice Brown, at Bristol Crown Court, said he accepted that Mrs Davis was of the highest character but added: "The court has to bear in mind that what you did was an act of appalling violence."

Character evidence was given by Sir Ian Heathcote-Amory, a former Esquire to the Queen and Deputy Lieutenant of Devon, and Mr Raymond Eltherington-Smith, former ambassador to Vietnam and the Sudan.

Sir Ian described Mrs Davis as "a highly respected person, a refined person, devoted to her family".

The court was told that Mrs Davis had married for the second time in 1971. Her new husband was still a serving officer, who became an estate agent.

Mr David Webster, for the prosecution, said Mrs Davis was determined to make her second marriage a success.

But she had told a friend: "He told me he had another woman." She had also told a friend that her husband wanted to leave her but she did not want to let him go and that three months before the killing her husband had begun to be curt with her.



Mrs Jennifer Davis: Row over sherry

When her husband replied curtly to her she asked why he was being so sarcastic and he replied: "I am giving you some of your own medicine."

After the friends left Mrs Davis followed her husband into his study. Mr George Carman, QC, for Mrs Davis, said her husband gave her "a look full of hatred which split out her despair".

Mrs Davis, the mother of two children from each of her marriages, left the room and returned with a shotgun.

Mr Christopher Davis

Moves for limit on annual entry to Bar attacked

By Peter Evans, Home Affairs Correspondent

Moves to restrict recruitment to the Bar are disclosed in this week's *New Law Journal*. They are seen as part of an attempt by the Bar to maintain its homogeneity and to exclude non-conformists.

An article by Walter Merricks, a solicitor and journalist, says that proposals are circulating among the senate of the Inns of Court and the Bar. They suggest an annual entry limit of 600.

The practising Bar, it is said, is capable of absorbing into chambers no more than about 250 to 300 entrants a year. Allowing for a drop-out rate of 50 per cent and overall target of 600 is considered reasonable.

This year's limit on admissions to the Inns of Court School of Law is 950, but around 700 would be entrants are taking up pupillage.

The search is on for additional filters on entry. One plan is to ask tutors to give a candid assessment of a person's character and suitability for practice. Questions might include: "Does the candidate appear to be someone from a different social and financial background?"

Until recently, the Bar maintained an open entry policy allowing the marker to decide who should succeed or fail. No barriers were placed in the way of anyone wishing to qualify, as a barrister provided he or she could pass the examination.

Mr Merrick says there is growing concern in legal education circles at the plans. "What is now feared is that the Bar could become an even more closed and inward-looking profession than at present; that for those with the wrong background, the wrong accents, the wrong face, the wrong attitudes, becoming a barrister will be well-nigh impossible."

Zoo cleared on one count

Mr John Aspinall's zoo company was cleared yesterday of blame for the death of Mr Brian Stocks, the head keeper who was mauled by a Siberian tiger in 1980.

The judge directed the jury at Canterbury Crown Court to acquit the company, Howletts and Port Lympne Estates, of failing to protect Mr Stocks in his job. However, the company still faces a Health and Safety Executive summons over the death five weeks later of Mr Robert Wilson, a second keeper killed by the same animal.

It would be "wholly dangerous" to proceed with the prosecution's allegation that Mr Stocks was allowed to enter the tiger's enclosure at Howletts' zoo, in Kent, alone, contrary to safety regulations, Judge Rooke, QC, said.

Evidence had raised the possibility that the tigress, Zeya, might have leapt a fence. But he told the jury not to let his direction influence them over the allegations that Mr Wilson died because the 10ft zinc fence was too low for safety.

The hearing continues today.

Writs dropped Rolls jobs go

The Church of Scientology has discontinued six libel actions it started against the Metropolitan Police Commissioner over a 1968 report about its organization which was sent to other police forces.

Another 170 jobs are to go at the Rolls-Royce diesel engine factory in Shrewsbury, it was announced yesterday. The redundancies are blamed on falling orders, particularly from overseas.

Public schools urged to open their doors

From Our Education Correspondent, Nottingham

Independent schools, such as Winchester, Redean and St Mary's, have been urged yesterday to open their doors to the handicapped, ethnic minorities and adults, particularly the unemployed.

Mr Tim Devlin, director of the Independent Schools Information Council, said that independent schools should not receive the same status as state schools, including the 10 per cent rebate, unless they could prove they had the facilities.

Mr Devlin's speech, at the annual conference of the Independent Schools Association, was likely to annoy independent school heads. His concern was about the gap between the state and independent sectors and the need for co-operation.

He said there would be a crisis in the 1990s as fewer resources and pupils and the two sides have to get together. He said a four-point compact between those fee-paying schools which wanted to help the state and the local authorities, which wanted to

Tap water 'better than bottled'

By Peter Davidson

The controversy surrounding bottled and tap water hobbled up again yesterday with a public analyst's report that the quality of the packaged mineral variety was not as good as the processed product from the waterworks.

This conclusion was presented to Woodspring District Council at Weston-super-Mare to a report from the Avon public analyst's laboratories.

Fifteen popular brands of natural water had been examined.

Tests showed the concentration of microscopic organisms was generally higher for bottled water than for the domestic supply.

The tests show only the level of micro organisms, not the classification. But they confirm results published last year by *Which?*

Those showed nothing would be found in mineral water that would not be found in tap water.

Dr Who actor to quit series



Peter Davidson, aged 31, has decided to give up his role as Doctor Who when he finishes recording the present BBC series due for transmission in January. He is the fifth doctor, and took over the role nearly two years ago from Tom Baker.

Crash sentence

James Costello, aged 25, a salesman of Hollyhill Road, Erith, Kent, who killed his best friend in a driving accident, was saved from prison at the Central Criminal Court yesterday because the victim's family had forgiven him. Costello was ordered to do 200 hours' community service.

Toy warning

Some toy snakes imported from Taiwan contain water which tests have proved to be contaminated. Mr John Harrison, the Essex consumer and public protection officer, says.

Dispute over private use of scanner

Health chiefs denied yesterday that private patients were given up to £200 a time to jump the queue for treatment on a new £1m cancer scanner machine at Broomfield hospital, Chelmsford, Essex, officially opened by Princess Anne yesterday and an ongoing dispute was ended when senior officials said that cash from private patients could be used to benefit NHS Health Service users.

The "queue jumping" argument was on the eve of the visit of Mrs Rita Bennett, a fund-raiser, who claimed that NHS could use the machine.

Mrs Bennett, who raised £500 to help to buy and install the scanner, said: "I did spend four long years fighting on this so that private patients with cash in their pockets could jump the queue for treatment."

Mrs Bennett, one of a large number of voluntary helpers organized fund raising to pay for the machine, claimed that money raised "hanging-out" the scanner was being spent on extra staff.

Beware of sex traps, nannies told

Young girls seeking jobs as nannies were told by a judge at the Central Criminal Court yesterday to beware of sex traps.

Judge Lifford said: "It should be more widely appreciated that young girls who advertise in quite respectable magazines can be waylaid and mistreated in the manner of the young girl in this case."

Michael Mohammed, aged 38, builder, of East Barnet Road, New Barnet, was jailed for four years for two sex assaults on a nanny, aged 19. He had pleaded not guilty.

The judge said: "I would be failing in my duty if I did not sentence you to a substantial term to deter others like you."

Mr David Owen-Jones, for the prosecution, said the girl advertised in *The Lady*. Mohammed promised that if she "got the job working for his sister" she would go to Miami and the Caribbean.

The girl said that she was taken to Heathrow airport to meet Mohammed's sister. He insisted she had wine and brandy he booked her into a hotel and committed sexual acts.

Social services inquiry on baby's death

Welfare authorities are to inquire into the death of a girl, 15 months, killed by her mother, it was said at Winchester Crown Court yesterday.

The girl, her younger sister and older sister, had been placed on a non-accidental injury register by social services.

Mr Justice Davies said that he had been taken from her mother and would probably be alive now. He asked if inquiry had been made into decisions taken by the social services. "In a case of this great public concern felt as to whether there has been any error of decision," he said.

Mr Stephen O'Malley, for the prosecution, said an inquiry had been opened but could not be proceeded with until the outcome of these was known.

Mrs Christine Mitchell, aged 27, of Howe Road, Gosport, Hampshire, admitted the manslaughter of her daughter, Emma. She was sentenced to 18 months' imprisonment with 12 months' suspended for two years.

Mr O'Malley said Mrs Mitchell had three children aged three years, 15 months and three months. She first married in 1975 and when her first daughter was born Bradford Social Services had been concerned over the way the child was looked after.

In November, 1980, she married a Royal Navy sailor and lived in married quarters at Plymouth. Emma was born there.

INDEX-LINKED NATIONAL SAVINGS CERTIFICATES AND INDEX-LINKED SAYE

NEW 2.4%

SUPPLEMENT FOR 1983-1984

A new supplement of 2.4% per annum on top of index linking has been announced for Index-Linked National Savings Certificates and Index-Linked SAYE held in 1983-1984. This is in addition to the 2.4% supplement for 1982-1983 and follows the same pattern.

National Savings Certificates

The new supplement will be earned if the Certificates are held for the whole year until 1 November 1984. It will be calculated on the index-linked value at 31 October 1983.

This value includes the current supplement accruing on 1 November 1983.

Index-linked SAYE

The 2.4% supplement payable for 1983-84 can be earned on similar terms to the supplement accruing on 1 December 1983 for the year 1982-83. Holders will be sent details individually.

No supplements are earned if you cash in early.



Geoffrey Smith

Mr Foot made his last appearance at Question Time yesterday as Leader of the Opposition. He bowed out quietly, and must have wished that the final meeting of the parliamentary Labour Party under his leadership had been equally unremarkable last week. Yet that occasion will be remembered not for the expression of any brotherly sentiments, but for the fracas between him and Mr Hattersley.

How important was that row for the future of the party? Now that the dust has cleared a bit, can it be seen, together with the reaction to Mr Hattersley's forthright manifesto, to have wrecked the prospects for the supposedly "dream ticket" of Kinnoch and Hattersley? There are really two questions involved here. Has the episode destroyed Mr Hattersley's chances of being elected deputy leader? And has it now become impossible to imagine the two men working together if he is elected?

The quarrel with Mr Foot was an indication of a deeper resentment in the Hattersley camp. Among Mr Hattersley's supporters it is believed that one reason Mr Kinnoch appears to be cruising to victory is that he has Mr Foot's backing. The Hattersley-Foot exchanges can be seen therefore as an indirect expression of the tension that exists between the Hattersley and Kinnoch camps. A number of Mr Kinnoch's supporters also strongly disapproved of the Hattersley manifesto.

Mr Kinnoch is declining to express any preference between the various candidates for deputy. That is an entirely justifiable position for a potential leader. It is even wiser, provided one can assume that he does not really mean it. As leader Mr Kinnoch will need Mr Hattersley as his deputy if he is to stand any chance of convincing the electorate that Labour is a sufficiently broad-based party to be entrusted again with government. That is why, unless something else happens, I expect Mr Hattersley to be elected deputy leader.

But will the two men then be able to work with each other? It is unwise to underestimate the capacity of ambitious men to cooperate when it is in their interest to do so. One should not be prissy about this. Public life depends on those who have exchanged hard blows then being able to do business with each other. I do not believe that the blows so far exchanged, directly or indirectly, between Mr Kinnoch and Mr Hattersley in the course of the leadership campaign have made it impossible, or even particularly difficult, for them to work with each other.

British company wins contract for new RAF missile

DEFENCE

Loud cheers from the Government benches greeted the announcement in the Commons by Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, that a new RAF missile would be produced by a British company which had won the contract against an American developed missile which would have been produced partly in this country or supplied direct by the United States.

Ministers fail to agree on North Sea herring

FISHERIES

An order would be laid before Parliament extending to foreign vessels the arrangements which currently apply to British vessels transshipping their catch to Norway.

The Council of Ministers on July 23 and 26 has failed to reach an agreement on the proposed arrangements on structures, in the absence of agreement on the allocation of quotas for North Sea herring.

There are very important advantages for our fishing fleet in the maintenance of the agreement with Norway, but I nevertheless conclude that I should support an agreement which permitted Norwegian fishermen to fish for North Sea herring in United Kingdom waters.

Many of Britain's busiest roads will be checked with traffic yet again this weekend, vital repairs adding to the problems created by a national network that simply cannot cope.



Heseltine: Balanced decision

industry. Their members will be involved in the development and production of that particular project so their support and commitment to the project is important.

Government hoping to extend aid to state yards

SHIPBUILDING

The Government is to have urgent talks with the European Commission to try and secure approval for an increased rate of intervention fund support for British shipbuilders.

The Code of Local Government Audit Practice for England and Wales set out the general duties of an auditor and outlined the three main features which should characterize his work - independence, due professional care and recognition of the public interest.

Mr Atkinson Does she agree that the existence of stock loss in the north west, caused above all by foxes, requires firm control and in view of the decision by the Lancashire County Council, Labour controlled, to prevent hunting with dogs on all tenanted land, this will make the control of such vermin increasingly difficult for farmers to the long-term detriment of the countryside.

Britain's crumbling motorways: 2

Age of the butterfly, not the bypass

Third, and in similar vein, there is a powerful pro-rail, anti-road sentiment a feeling that roads are bad and rail is good; instead of building roads, we should get traffic "back to the trains" although most of it, as British Rail admits, was never on the rail and is not suitable for rail transport.

Central America is important to Britain

PM'S QUESTIONS

The importance of the situation in Central America to Britain was emphasised by Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister, during a question and answer session in the Commons.

No-strike deal offer to health service unions

Anyone who worked in the essential services should stay at their post and not go on strike, Mrs Margaret Thatcher, the Prime Minister said during a question and answer session in the Commons.

New forum has no constitutional role

contacts between the peoples of the two countries.

ULSTER

There were no constitutional implications in the proposal to set up the Anglo-Irish Encounter body to organize periodic conferences and seminars.

Two issues decided for this Parliament

By Alan Wood and Barbara Day

The Commons, which met to hear the Queen's Speech on Wednesday, June 22, rises today for its summer recess, which will last until October 24. The House of Lords left for its recess at the end of its sitting on Wednesday.

VOTING DETAILS

Table with 5 columns: No, Death penalty, For, Against, Min

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The three votes on pay have resulted in MPs obtaining a salary increase from £14,510 to £18,500 spread over five years. This compromise formula, which the Cabinet had agreed to before the debate, was carried by five votes. It consists of an immediate increase in salary of £798 backdated to June 13 plus four equal instalments between next January 1 and January 1, 1987.

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The division numbers given here correspond to those on the chart on Page 5, setting out how Hansard, the Official Report, will record the votes of Commons, recorded the votes of MPs on both issues.

Big exercise for troops

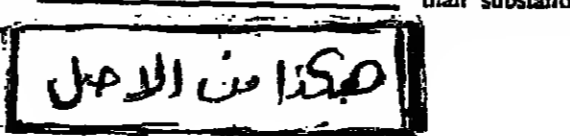
Lionheart 84, the biggest peacetime exercise involving British armed forces since the Second World War, will take place next year, Mr Michael Heseltine, Secretary of State for Defence, told the Commons.

European Assembly

In yesterday's report of the proposed new boundaries for the European Assembly elections, the following constituencies should have been listed: London North-East (518,115).



Tomorrow: In Saturday, the less crowded routes to the West Country, and how to tie the M1 jams on the route North.



THE ARTS

Theatre

Cyrano de Bergerac Barbican

Undaunted, or perhaps spurred on by the National Theatre's unhappy experience with this play, the RSC have matched Rosand's heroic text with an heroic production. It runs to nearly three-and-a-half hours...

specialty for the battle; and moreover, loaded the coach with Parisian delicacies. The play never goes out of fashion: rather it lies in wait for the right actor, and I do not believe it has found him in Derek Jacobi...

Cyrano de Bergerac is an extremely rare example of a play specifically reflecting a totally artificial code of manners, which triumphantly survives its own time and passes into universal currency...

What lingers on, though, is the adolescent whine that has always sabotaged his delivery, and a growing preference for music above sense - which matters more and more as the evening wears on...

It also manages to preserve a sense of witty anachronism without deflating the heroics. The Garçon cadets are starving to death as the battlefield awaits massacre at the hands of the Spanish; a coach rolls up containing the ardent Roxane in quest of her beloved Christian...

The production is not moving; but at its best it is thrilling, and funny, leaving you wishing only that Puccini had set it to music.

Irving Wardle

Television

Paris is a city to live up to rather than in, perhaps the most prominent example of the influence of architecture upon manners, even in a resolutely mundane programme like Euro-pean Connections: France (Central)...

Webster pointed out, for example, that French children are exposed to philosophical and scientific relatively early in their education; but, before Heidegger is introduced to Notting Hill Comprehensive, it ought to be understood that the only result seems to be that "it is very difficult to find a Frenchman who can't talk intelligently about politics"...

Peter Ackroyd

Rarities from France

Jacques Feyder season National Film Theatre Jacques Tati shorts Everyman

This is one of those freak weeks without any new cinema releases, no matter, life goes on. The National Film Theatre, for instance, is speeding August in the stimulating company of Jacques Feyder, the director of La Kermesse Héroïque and other French classics...

Foreign Legion eliehs suggested by its story of a love-lorn legionnaire in Morocco. The atmosphere is disarmingly thick with flies, hubbub, dark mysteries, sexual desire; even the background music (composed by Hanns Eisler) is acrid and unsettling.

Feyder himself - by all accounts a man of much personal nobility - voiced his girls modestly; he was an artist, he said, rather than an artisan. From some angles this self-assessment is perceptive and just, in the 1920s, particularly, he was content to lean on distinguished literary sources: Zola's *Thérèse Raquin* (a lost film, unfortunately), Anatole France's *Crainquebille*, Prosper Mérimée's *Carmen* (this last film, incidentally, shows the pearls of idle subservience; the visual texture is unimpeachable, but the characters strut like puppets)...



Marlene Dietrich in Feyder's 'Knight Without Armour'

allowed him to collaborate fruitfully with Feyder - particularly François Rosay, his regular script writer Charles Spaak and the art director Lazare Meerson. Rosay is an actress for all seasons, all emotions, in the remarkable *Pension Mimosas* (1934) she effortlessly leaps from outrage to tender tears; she convinces both as a fashionable *grande dame* (Gribiche) or a circus lion-tamer, cracking the whip with gusto (*Les Gens du voyage*)...

Opera

Griselda Buxton

Malcolm Fraser's way is to go back to contemporary practice: first in translating the recitative into our vernacular, leaving the arias where the vowel reigas, in Italian; and second, in giving full rein to Goldoni's comic intermezzi, performed here, in true cornetto-macaroni solo mio style, by a troupe of madrigal singing actors whipped along by clown Chris Harris.

Opera

The fourth Boccaccian day of the fifth Buxton Festival arrived, and with it the opera Boccaccian night at the House. The stage revealed, for the first production of Vivaldi's first production of *Giott-Griselda*, a recession of series toques arches framing a series vivants which cunningly and enrichingly fuse visually the late medieval provenance of Vivaldi's tale with the baroque aural archetypes of his score.

Concert

All the big statements were left to Strauss's *Thus Spake Zarathustra* in the second half, while the new concerto occupied itself instead with unexpected happenings, with the merest suggestions, with hints and prods and games.

BBCSO/Elder

Opportunities for orchestral performance are rare enough these days that most composers approach the task of a Prom commission with gladness and reach all at once for the big statement. Nor need there be anything wrong in that: last year, the year of the four symphonies, produced three works of more than ordinary moment.

Geoff Brown

Paul Griffiths

US butter sale to Egypt puts EEC truce at risk

The EEC is far from happy about a new American deal to sell large quantities of butter and cheese to Egypt. Experts of the European Commission are studying the details of the deal with the idea of referring the matter to the General Agreement on Tariffs and Trade (GATT).

Muldoon boosts spending with eye on election

A budget promising mild stimulation of a sluggish economy was presented to Parliament last night. Its distinguishing feature is a record internal deficit of £3.1 billion. Mr Robert Muldoon, the Prime Minister and Minister of Finance, delivering the budget, conceded that a fiscal deficit representing 9.5 per cent of gross domestic product posed difficulties for economic management.

New York court bails 8 in IRA plot case

Federal authorities have charged eight men in connection with alleged conspiracies to sell about \$25m (£1.5bn) worth of weapons to Iran and about \$15m worth of machine guns, silencers and other weapons without serial numbers to the IRA.

Italy crush British women at bridge

An unexpected 19-1 defeat of Britain by Italy has allowed The Netherlands to take the lead in the European women's bridge championship.

Duce's centenary turns sour

How to celebrate the centenary of Mussolini's birth has perplexed the Italian authorities since postmark recording the event had to be withdrawn.

French gift boosts Habré

Ndamena (Reuter) - France handed over a 28-seat transport aircraft and three-man crew yesterday as part of aid to President Hissène Habré's Government in its struggle against Libyan-backed rebels.

Kremlin blows hot and cold on talks

The Kremlin yesterday issued contradictory statements on East-West relations in Europe, indicating that the Russians are in two minds about the chances of an arms agreement at Geneva this year.

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Advertisements for Naya Theatre and Barbicart Art Gallery, featuring plays like 'The King of Comedy' and 'That's Shell - that is!'.

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SPECTRUM

THE TIMES GUIDE TO CENTRAL AMERICA

Three separate US Navy battle groups are now converging on Nicaragua, the instruments of President Reagan's reaffirmation of the 160-year-old Monroe Doctrine, formulated to defend America's backyard when the collapse of Spain's empire turned Central America into a place where a football match could start a war. This is what they will find.

The view from Reagan's kitchen

Nicaragua

Largest and most sparsely populated country in the region. Population: 2.7m. Area: 57,100 sq miles. Capital: Managua.



Government: Popular revolution in July 1979 led by Sandinist guerrillas overthrew hated dynasty established by Anastasio Somoza in 1936. Sandinists promised speedy elections, mixed economy, freedom of press and other liberties, but original governing Junta of National Reconstruction soon dominated by more hard-line left-wingers among Commandantes (notably Daniel Ortega, above) holding real power. Elections indefinitely postponed, opposition figures harassed and intimidated, independent press censored.

Military: Presence of up to 2,000 Cuban military advisers, plus some 75 Russian officers, draws extreme hostility of Reagan administration. Washington claims Cuban-style revolution exported via Nicaragua to El Salvador and other regional flash-points. Nicaragua's standing army of approximately 30,000 by far largest in region, backed by some 50,000 armed militia. Washington claims Soviet T-55 tanks, armoured cars and SAM anti-aircraft missiles arriving via Cuba, but border clashes with 'Contras' (see Honduras) are still small-scale infantry engagements. US intelligence anticipates arrival soon of up to 50 Nicaraguans receiving Mig 21 pilot training in Bulgaria. Soviet helicopters already in use. Small navy recently fought minor battles with Hondurans off Pacific coast.

Economy: Sandinists inherited economy in ruins and looted national reserves after victory. Agriculture all-important. Outlook: Reagan administration's threatening attitude clearly worries Sandinists, who recently proposed regional peace talks. Support for Salvadoran guerrillas apparently reduced.

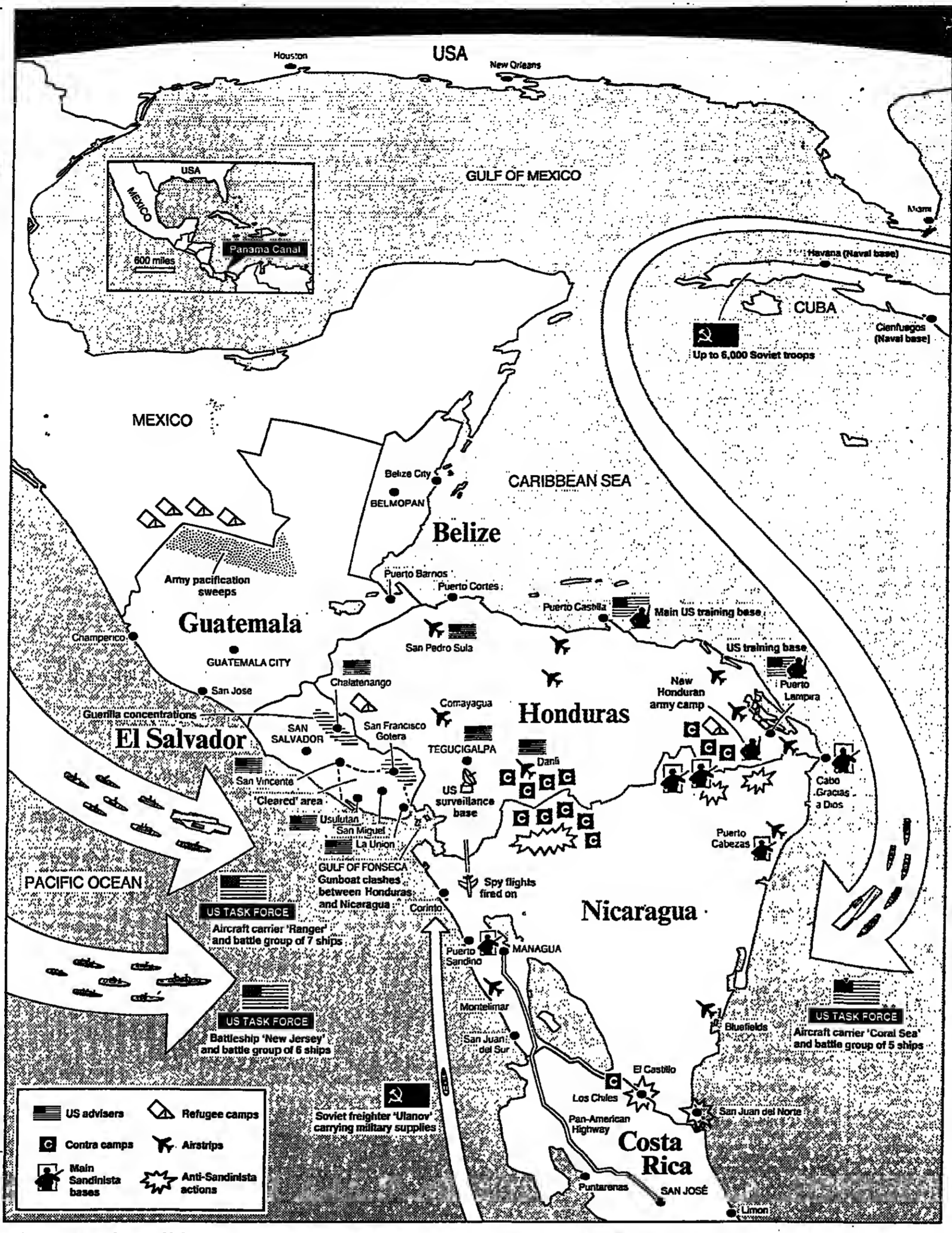
El Salvador

Smallest and most densely populated country in the region. Population: 4.5m. Area: 8,200 sq miles. Capital: San Salvador.



Government: Popular coup in October 1979 replaced military dictatorship with military-civilian junta. Assembly elections in March 1982 returned right-wing coalition with small majority over Christian Democrats, largest single party. Provisional President, Dr. Alvarez Magana (above).

Military: Civil war between government forces and left-wing guerrilla groups has claimed some 35,000 lives since 1980, vast majority civilians killed by security forces and right-wing death squads. Salvadoran army currently 22,500 men, undergoing rapid expansion by compulsory conscription with aim of producing mobile counter-insurgency units on lines taught by approximately 35 US military advisers now stationed there. US-supplied medium artillery, heavy mortars, modern infantry weapons improving firepower. Salvadoran air force, notoriously inept, has several Super Mystere fighters, A-37 ground attack planes, obsolete Ouragan bombers and US helicopter gunships. Small navy used



Honduras

Poorest nation of a poverty-stricken region. Population: 4m. Area: 43,250 sq miles. Capital: Tegucigalpa.



Government: Civilian government elected in 1981 to end decade of military rule. Central Liberal party in power. President: Roberto Suazo Cordova (left).

Military: Honduras increasingly focus of Reagan administration's military strategy in Central America. Honduran army of approximately 17,000 to be sharply expanded. Air force most powerful in region with 12 Super Mystere fighters bought from Israel, US A-37 ground attack planes, troop transports and military helicopters. US plans big expansion of military aid, plus establishment of major base for training Salvadoran troops (cheaper and less visible than training in US). Up to 150 American military advisers, mainly Green Berets, to be stationed there. Military airfields being extended for possible use by US warplanes.

Economy: Agriculture accounts for 80 per cent of all exports, mainly bananas, coffee, sugar, cotton, frozen meat, timber. Average per capita annual income approx. £300. Outlook: Many Hondurans fear being sucked into major crisis behind Washington. US support for Honduran high command seen to threaten shaky new democracy, with human rights abuses - including death from torture - by security forces already increasing.

Guatemala

Population: 6.8m. Area: 42,000 sq miles. Capital: Guatemala City.



Government: Political tension running high as military regime of General Efraim Rios Montt (left), who seized power in March 1982 following contested elections, is itself threatened by army coup.

Military: Left-wing guerrillas in the field since mid-1950s, but no real evidence of external support. Ruthless pacification campaigns under Rios Montt in past 18 months cleared guerrillas from former strongholds, at terrible cost in army massacres of mostly Indian peasants. Guatemalan conscript army numbers approx. 23,000 after recent expansion, mainly counterinsurgent infantry forces: some armoured units with light tanks. US embargo on military sales to Guatemala, imposed in 1977 as sanction against human rights abuses, circumvented by purchases from Israel. Economy: Once flourishing on coffee, cotton, sugar, bananas but now disaster area as political uncertainty worsens effects of world recession. Outlook: Reagan administration saw 'good possibilities' in Rios Montt regime, implying resumption of US military aid. Atrocities and risk of coup make immediate policy planning tricky. Possibility of Washington overtures to Guatemala worries British because of longstanding dispute over Belize.

Commentary by Philip Jacobson Illustration by John Grimwade

Costa Rica

Population: 2.2m. Area: 19,650 sq miles. Capital: San Jose.

Government: A true parliamentary democracy since 1949 (when the army was abolished). Present middle-of-road government of President Luis Alberto Monge voted in handsomely last year. Military: 5,000 lightly armed Civil Guards are only government force, with tiny navy and air force. US offers of military aid resisted in past in

pursuit of neutrality amidst Central American turmoil. Today, former Sandinist guerrilla hero Eden Pastora ('Comandante Zero') leads estimated 2,000 troops fighting Nicaraguan forces from bases along Costa Rica's northern border. Economy: Severe problems face 'the Switzerland of Central America', where per capita income of about £1,100 is highest in region. Collapsing world prices for main exports - coffee, sugar, bananas - vast external debts and three-figure inflation now battering Costa Ricans accustomed to good life. Outlook: Gloomy. Regional tensions must impinge on Costa Rica.

Belize

Population: 145,000. Area: 8,870 sq miles. Capital: Belmopan.

Government: Some 1,500 British troops, Harrier jump-jet squadron and ground-to-air missiles defend Belize against Guatemala's claims. Economy: Exports sugar, citrus fruits, timber. Per capita income about £450. Outlook: Possibility that US may resume arms supplies to Guatemala worries Belize and Britain.

moreover... Miles Kingston

A pile-up in the race to be leader of the pack

The BBC is coming under mounting attack for staging a Young Labour Leader of the Year competition. Due to take place in October, the contest would pick the young man judged most capable of leading the Labour Party into an election. But already the critics are saying that such a contest could only do harm to the career of the winner. Pitched into top-level politics in his forties or fifties, he will be forced to take decisions and make appearances for which he is hardly ready. And they point to the inexperience of the two front-runners, neither of whom has ever led a party in his life before. In the run-up to the finals, Mr Neil Kinnoch has already had a spectacular pile-

up on the M4 and Mr Roy Hattersley has crashed head-first into Mr Michael Foot, last winner of the now discontinued Old Labour Leader of the Year contest. Put them at the controls of a whole political party, runs the argument, and who knows what damage might not ensue? But the BBC Head of Heavy Entertainment and big competitions, Mr Charles Channel, is unrepentant. He thinks that a Young Labour Leader of the Year contest is exactly what is wanted, not just by the public but by the party as well. "It is absolute nonsense to say that a man in his forties could not run the Labour Party," he comments. "If he is old enough to vote, go to sexy films and travel full fare on the

railways, he is old enough to run the Labour Party. Heavens above, a child could run the Labour Party. Actually, there have been times in the last 10 years when I have got the impression that a child was running the Labour Party." Such remarks are not designed to please the politicians. To be candid, they are designed specifically to displease the politicians, for Charles Channel knows as well as anyone the value of a bit of bad publicity. And sure enough, a leading Labour Party nonentity hit back last night at Channel's remarks. "I want to get one thing absolutely straight," he told me last night. "Although I am not personally entering the contest, or at least not until all the other candidates have made total idiots of themselves and they are looking for a good compromise choice, I entirely go along with what my colleagues have said on this matter. We must find out what the public want to hear, and then say it to them until we are blue in the face. Pink, rather. Sorry, what was the question again?"

What are your comments on Mr Channel's comments? "I think they are beneath contempt. When I was a child in the North of England, many of us had to walk for hours every day picking up tram tickets in the street in order to complete our collection, and my father's life was cut tragically short by a disease he picked up in his work as a Sheffield Wednesday supporter though I can see, looking back, that he may well have caught it off my tram ticket collection. We must make sure this kind of thing never happens again." But surely this is exactly the kind of thing the public doesn't want to hear these days? "Look, lad, who knows more about the popular taste of this country - the Labour Party or the EEC? No, on second thoughts, don't answer that question." Meanwhile the BBC has confirmed that the contest is to go ahead in the autumn. It will be held in three stages. The finalists will first parade in Michael Foot's old suits. Then, dressed in working gear, they will be required to speak for a minute without stopping and without disclosing what subject they are talking about. Finally, they will strip down to white collars and be asked by Sir Robin Day what they would like to do when they grow up. "A harmless bit of fun," concludes Charles Channel. At least it's more dignified than being manhandled behind closed doors by trade union leaders.

SPECTRUM on Monday: New research shows that bad diet may provoke violence among the young

CONCISE CROSSWORD (No 114) with grid and clues. ACROSS: 1 Disembarkation (7), 2 Dancing place (5), 3 Fuel reservoir (3), 4 Amazing event (7), 5 Paddle boat (5), 6 Eager (4), 7 Swinging object (7), 8 Compassionate (13), 9 Put in request (7), 10 Smooth (4), 11 Beard (3,2), 12 Adjuster (7), 13 Mountainous ridge (3), 14 Fill with optimism (5), 15 Surgery room (5). DOWN: 1 Crippled (4), 2 Bravery (5), 3 Unsubstantiated (13), 4 Gnat (5), 5 Make sure (13), 6 Vest (7), 7 Supercade (8), 8 Throttle (8), 9 Petrol product (7), 10 Distributed (5), 11 Group of eight (5), 12 Hill (4).

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Ordeal by witness box

Clare Dyer asks if the ends of justice require that a child of eight should be grilled to tears in a courtroom

The trial of the Coronation Street actor Peter Adamson, who was acquitted on Tuesday of indecently assaulting two eight-year-old girls, has highlighted the distress sex offence trials can cause the children who have to give evidence. Do the ends of justice really require that a child of eight should be grilled to the point of tears in the intimidating surroundings of a packed courtroom?

Though the Adamson case has focused public attention on the ordeal a child witness undergoes, a working party of lawyers and psychiatrists under the aegis of the Ciba Foundation has been grappling with the problem for nearly two years. "In many cases the police interview and the appearance in court are much more traumatic than the events leading up to them",

says Professor Sydney Brandon, a child psychiatrist and a member of the working party. How to strike a balance between the child's welfare and the right of the defendant to a fair trial poses a dilemma. It is a fundamental principle of British justice that the accused should be able to test the evidence against him by cross-examination in front of the jury. Cross-examination is crucial with child witnesses, because children can be suggestible or prone to fantasise.

The law makes some concessions to the vulnerability of child witnesses. Judges usually ban publication of any details which might identify the children involved. In sex offence cases, children are not ordinarily allowed to give evidence for the prosecution in the preliminary committal proceedings in the magistrates' court which precede a jury trial. This rule is designed to spare a child the ordeal of two court appearances.

In any case involving allegations of "conduct contrary to decency or morality" the judge can order the court to be cleared while the child gives evidence.

The judge also decides to what extent a child witness should receive special treatment. There are no official guidelines. Few go as far as the kindly old judge who dangled a small boy on his knee and allowed him to be used as a woolly toy.

Professor Brandon contends that the gestures of well-meaning judges do not go far enough to reduce the trauma of a court appearance.



Wendy Hollis

"Children should be able to go along beforehand and become familiar with the courtroom. Whenever possible someone well known to the child should be present when he or she gives evidence. Very occasionally a child is able to see the courtroom in advance, but in my

experience, arrangements of this sort almost always break down."

He also advocates that courts should be able to accept a videotape interview with the child in lieu of evidence in court. Helena Kennedy, a barrister member of the working party, strongly disagrees. "A defend-

ant must have the right to challenge the evidence against him by cross-examination", she says. "Even if you filmed the cross-examination as well, the jury would be seeing the tape at one remove. They wouldn't know, for instance, what had gone on before the filming started."

But Professor Brian Hogan, of Leeds University, an authority on criminal law, says: "I can't see any objection to videotape, as long as the defendant is present and there is an opportunity to cross-examine." Another suggestion put forward by child psychiatrists is that the court should be equipped with a room with one-way glass, so that the defendant could see and hear the child without being seen.

"The real problem arises when the child has been the victim of an assault and may be the only witness who can give direct evidence of it", Lord Hailsham, the Lord Chancellor, says. "This means relieving the experience in the presence of the alleged assailant."

"You can clear the court of all but essential participants, but the defendant must be present to hear the evidence against him. If a parent sits with a child while giving evidence there is a risk of prompting. To move from the court to a smaller room means that the child would be even closer to the defendant when giving evidence. Evidence given by remote or indirect means must be more difficult for the jury to weigh up."

The Ciba working party expects to report late this year, or early next.

Friends in need

From N. Y. Gray, 31 Sydney Buildings, Bath.

I am shocked that you should have published (Friday Page, July 22) the uninformed comment made by Mrs Ruby Williams, the woman wrongly accused of shoplifting, concerning the suicide of Lady Barnett after being charged with the same offence. "Where were her friends?" she asks.

I can answer her query as to the whereabouts of one of her friends, who is also a close friend of mine: she had taken Lady Barnett away to help her through the terrible time of waiting for the case to come up, and her attitude was that of all Lady Barnett's friends and acquaintances, one of deep sympathy with her situation and a desire to help in every possible way. The tragedy was that in the final analysis no one could help.

State benefits

From Mrs Jane Pegler, 29a Prinrose Mansions, Prince of Wales Drive, Battersea, SW11

Your Friday Page of July 22 includes an article entitled *Bringing up the Orphans of Disaster* in which it is suggested that only where there are no guardians available in an orphan's family circle, or where there is a dispute over who should care for the child, is it likely that the local authorities will have to "interfere" in his or her upbringing.

A case is then presented of two orphaned brothers, now adult, of whom the younger was apparently denied the opportunity both in his new home and at school to successfully mourn the loss of his parents. He was doubtless protected

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from - or, should I say, not afforded the possibility of benefiting from - the "interference" of his local authority because his circumstances were not those usually understood in the description "deprived child". Instead, he suffered what must surely be the greatest deprivation of all, denial of the opportunity to express and discuss his feelings.

Had local authority "interference" been sought, in the form of a social worker to share and tackle with the child and the newly formed family the painful task of confronting their bereavement, how much happier might have been the outcome for all concerned than this sad case history suggests.

Heavy duty

From Helen Signer, Byfleet, Surrey. As a sixth-former with more than one friend suffering from the slimmers' disease anorexia nervosa, I should like to point out that one of the causes of the illness lies with the media.

Although the fashion in past centuries has always been to be "bonny", the consuming passion since the 1960s has been to look unnaturally thin.

Models such as Twiggy initiated the fashion to look slim, and now all magazines are filled with pictures of thin women. Most advertisements, even those for fattening foods, use "skinny" models, and even dumplings in shop windows are abnormally thin.

Is it surprising that so many girls, having been brainwashed with the idea that true beauty can only be achieved after starving themselves, fall prey to anorexia?

MEDICAL BRIEFING

Saving on the birth rates

This week Louise Brown, the world's first test-tube baby, was five years old. Her success, and the successful birth of other's like her, guarantees that hundreds of thousands of pounds will be spent on establishing units for in vitro fertilization. But the need for these programmes might be reduced if the public was made more aware of the need for early and adequate treatment of all the contents of sufferers from NSU or gonorrhoea.

Hammersmith Hospital is tackling another cause of infertility due to chronic pelvic inflammatory disease; for by no means all cases of tubal damage are due to the late result of sexually transmitted diseases. Some, it would appear from an analysis of all the cases admitted to the hospital over three months, are due to surgeons making matters worse by operating on the female pelvis without obeying the strict, but simple rules of microsurgical technique.

There are about a dozen points in the code, starting from the basic premise that the pelvis should only be opened if it is really essential and then with a wide incision using diathermy so that the blood does not escape into the peritoneal cavity; through to the simple instructions on the type of gloves, sutures and the appropriate swabbing solution, warned Hartmanns.

Mr Robert Winston, the gynaecologist, said although the Hammersmith runs short courses on this microsurgical technique, only 4 per cent of the places are taken by British doctors; they so far seem to have taken little interest in this important aspect of preventive medicine.

New strength

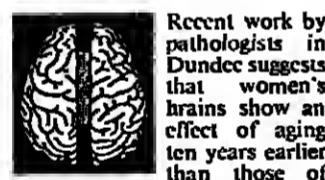
Over the past 70 years middle-aged men who complain of impotence have been in grave danger of being sentenced to spending wearisome hours discussing their approach to sex and women. Many doctors involved in genito-urinary medi-

cine have long suspected that in the hunt for deep psychiatric complexes physical causes have been overlooked, and emotional explanations over-diagnosed.

Scientists are now confirming the physicians' suspicions. As well as the neurophysiologists who have studied changes in skin sensitivity as over-increased arterial surgeons have shown that in many cases the problem is due to a comparative failure of the blood supply to the genital organs. Doctors now accept that people arteries cut, like those leading to the heart muscle, brain or lower limbs, become narrowed with advancing years.

Two studies from Copenhagen, reported in Hospital Doctor, show that half the men attending a clinic for arterial disease admitted to being impotent. A third of these patients were considered suitable to have an operation to improve the blood supply to the lower limbs; half of these had their powers restored.

Old heads



Recent work by pathologists in Dundee suggests that women's brains show an effect of aging ten years earlier than those of men. A woman's brain starts to shrink when she is in her forties, a man's in his fifties. Many middle-aged women, however, take degrees, or professional qualifications. Their success is an interesting side light on the report in *Lancet* from Dr Beth Hubbard, aged 33, and Dr John Anderson of Dundee University.

Their research shows that although brain shrinkage starts earlier in women, once started the rate of decline is equal in the two sexes. Dr Anderson said that having begun their joint investigations they were hoping to continue with them, for at the moment they did not even know if the early weight loss in the female brain was due to a loss of brain cells or fluid.

Dr Thomas Stuttford

Medical Correspondent

The nurses' complaint

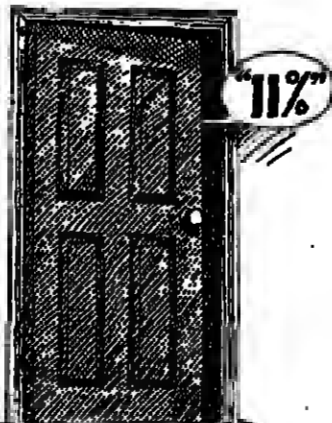
COMMENT

The Homes Fit for Nurses Campaign launched recently by *Nursing Mirror*, breaks into Parliament today with a call by Mr Timothy Yeo, Conservative MP for Suffolk South, for improvements to nurses' accommodation.

The campaigners will argue, rightly, that nurses' hostels are in a bad state of repair and they will press the Department of Health and Social Security to spend money on doing them up. The Government will argue that it is a matter for local health authorities and that guidelines on standards for accommodation will be reissued next year. The Government is unlikely under the present level of pressure to find any special money for the nurses.

Money would not do any harm to nurses' hostels. It would, for example, make some safe by rewiring them and hygienic by repairing the plumbing. It is a scandal that because they are crown property, hostels escape any regular inspection, enforceable safety precautions and in many cases basic repairs.

Richard Dowden



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BEATABLE AND UNBEATABLE

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COLOMBO'S CRISIS

ews from Sri Lanka this ek has recalled the horrifying dals leading up to the division of India thirty-six years ago. e Hindu-Muslim-Sikh masses of that time are reflected in bloodshed, arson, looting...

to have been for what has happened all over the country during the past week. Needless to say, if one looks back over the history of the last thirty-five years there is blame to be put on both sides in the struggle over the rights and status of the Tamil community...

been TULF. Thus the UNP, always the home of the strongest anti-Tamil feeling, has been the more uninhibitedly outspoken, thanks to its dominance in parliament. In October, under the terms of his own revision of the constitution, Mr Jayewardene stood for election as president and was handsomely returned...

Reflections on a 70th birthday

From Lord Devlin From Sir Ian Gilmore, MP for Chesham and Amersham (Conservative)

Sir, In your article celebrating Mr Begin's birthday (The Times, July 23) you say that 'the view from Jerusalem is now incomparably more healthy than it was when he became Prime Minister six years ago'...

Let us look at his causes for satisfaction and the way in which the view from Jerusalem has been improved. In March, 1978, shortly after he became Prime Minister, Mr Begin sent the Israeli Army into Southern Lebanon and, during a short campaign which achieved nothing, up to 2,000 Lebanese and Palestinian civilians were killed.

This wholly unjustified and unnecessary war has cost the lives of more than 500 Israeli soldiers and hundreds of thousands of the West Bank and Gaza, his grabbing of thousands of acres of Arab land, and the brutal treatment of the Palestinian population...

Those who believe that Israel's destiny lies in aggression and continued expansion will doubtless think that Mr Begin's sabotage of the Palestinian half of the Camp David Agreement and his immediate rejection of last year's Reagan Plan have made Israel's position 'incomparably healthier'...

That such an article as 'Mr Begin's birthday' can appear in The Times instead of a Zionist newspaper in New York clearly gives that gentleman further cause for satisfaction. The Arab world, as you rightly say, is in dismay and Israel is overwhelmingly the preponderant military power...

Conservation cuts From Mrs Sheila Chapman Sir, Attention has been drawn (Martin Caroe, June 27) to the apparent lack of interest manifested by the Crafts Council in its highly successful conservation sponsorship. This is still a disaster, expert and well trained conservators are still in short supply...

The National Association of Decorative and Fine Arts Societies (NADFAS), a large voluntary body which provides assistance with many projects through its voluntary conservation corps, depend on teaching by experts to enable them to do useful primary jobs in houses and churches. Their adviser in library conservation was trained with the aid of the Crafts Council...

No economic upturn From Professor F. H. Hahn, FBA Sir, Suppose 364 doctors stated that there is 'no basis in medical theory or supporting evidence' that a man with an infection will be cured by the administration of toad's liver? Suppose, none the less, that the man is given toad's liver and shows signs of recovery...

Unfortunatly Mr Jayewardene's national popularity by no means extends to his party. He was aware of this at last year's election and he has since culled some of his less appealing supporters, but not enough to erase a strongly anti-Tamil flavour. The result is that the Tamil problem is not subject to sufficient opposition scrutiny in parliament. After last year's riots Mr Jayewardene saw the danger he faced as a politically dominant but lone leader of an unpopular party faced by increasing anti-Tamil fury...

payment problems. But then suppose the Government gave everyone a gift of newly printed money, would not demand increase as well? No, say the monetarists, because everyone seeing the higher money stock will expect a rise in prices and interest rates and so this will in fact happen, and nothing 'real' will be changed.

He does not predict that this may lead to higher prices, lower exchange rate or worse balance of trade. The letter got Monday on Richmond roads was from Councillor S. Gross, Chairman of the Policy and Resources Committee, not Councillor J. Sanders-Gross.

Social importance of Pill ruling

From Lord Devlin Sir, The case of Gillick v West Norfolk Health Authority, on which you have just written an illuminating editorial (July 27) may well be socially the most important to come before the courts in this decade.

It is universally agreed that the upbringing of a child up to a certain age, in this case 16, must be subject to control. In the nature of things this must be either parental or state control. I think it to be the general belief that except in cases where parental control has clearly broken down, or where Parliament has clearly provided to the contrary, it is parental control.

Another cause of satisfaction for Mr Begin is, no doubt, his highly oppressed occupation of the West Bank and Gaza, his grabbing of thousands of acres of Arab land, and the brutal treatment of the Palestinian population (amply documented by the Israeli press and your Jerusalem Correspondent).

Manpower reductions From the Director General of the Confederation of British Industry Sir, Before it becomes folklore that the CBI is calling for 360,000 sackings in the public sector, may I be allowed to state what the CBI did say and why? This may be helpful to the Leader of the Opposition, Mr Foot, and one of the candidates for the deputy leadership, Mrs Dunwoody, among others.

Dadd painting From Mr Laurence N. Mann Sir, I read with little surprise the letter (July 18) in connexion with the proposed export of the Dadd painting 'Contradiction, Oberon and Titania' by the Archivist of the Bethlem Royal Hospital and others.

where and the amount of growth in the economy. The target is to get overall Government spending down. We fear that unless the share of Government spending is reduced then the business base of the economy, which has had to accept painful cutbacks, will not be able to continue carrying the overheads. We do not believe our proposals will cause unemployment. Indeed, if action is not taken to hold down the share of Government spending then higher interest rates and taxes will damage the private sector's ability to employ people and would push up unemployment.

world is now a smaller place than at any time before; a picture in a private gallery in England is no less or more accessible to the public than that picture in New York, or Paris, or even California. Our art heritage, a combination of native talent and wise purchases from abroad, was acquired at a time when this country was able to wield a disproportionate degree of purchasing power in comparison to its population.

There is a central doctrine of the 'new macro-economics' that no systematic monetary policy can have any lasting real effects on the economy. It was Friedman who was amongst the first to argue that the long-run Phillips curve is vertical. Even in the short run it is argued by the monetarists that systematic monetary policy can only be effective if some prices and wages are 'sticky' but such stickiness is considered to be short-lived.

she (and her advisers) may find this difficult to engineer. What they said was that there were no reasons to suppose that her policies would bring about a level of activity which would make reasonably full use of the country's resources, including labour. On this Mr Congdon is silent. Not so those who have been predicting the medium-term future: they are all very pessimistic.

There is a good deal more to say. But I conclude with the observation that it is a central doctrine of the 'new macro-economics' that no systematic monetary policy can have any lasting real effects on the economy. It was Friedman who was amongst the first to argue that the long-run Phillips curve is vertical.

The 364 did not argue that Mrs Thatcher's policies would lead to a steady fall in GNP for ever - even

All British Gas and profits

From Lady Burton of Coventry Sir, It really is very difficult for the ordinary domestic consumer to comprehend, let alone understand. British Gas has doubled its profits to £665m and I am told that that more and more customers are finding it difficult to pay their bills.

Parents who temper their shock and dismay with understanding are usually surprised to discover their daughters are not nearly such abandoned young hussies as they fear. Frequently with time and patience, the girls and their families come to realise that these early adolescent adventures are a rather extreme form of teenage rebellion which is left behind with growing maturity, but this happy outcome is only likely if the relationships within the family have not been broken beyond repair.

Jobs for doctors From Mr R. T. J. Holt-Allen and Mrs I. Barnes Sir, Recent reports have suggested that some 2,000 doctors are unemployed. This hospital, in common with many others, has advertised short, and longer-term non-consultant locum appointments. Virtually no applications have been forthcoming for the posts in many of the hospitals.

Financially, I am grateful to Mr John Brine and his distinguished co-signatories for their support (July 23) for the Fine Art Department at Ravensbourne College of Art and Design. I must, however, offer some comment. Firstly, it has been Bromley Council's practice over the years to support Government policy (whatever the government in power), in particular in financial policy. The 10 per cent reduction exercise being conducted by the national advisory body is, however, at this stage an investigation only. Secondly, Bromley Education Committee have consistently made clear their view that reductions in expenditure of the order of 10 per cent are neither necessary nor desirable in the case of colleges in Bromley.

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APPOINTMENTS

Lord Sieff to join Rothschild board

N. Rothschild & Sons, Sieff of Brompton, chair of Marks & Spencer, and Frank Cooper are to join the... Mr J. Linderman has been appointed managing director... Mr Peter G. G. Smith has been appointed managing director...

How long-term planning affects production in Britain
Blueprint for growth that keeps Japanese industry in the lead

Mr Takashi Ishihara, president of Nissan

As Nissan continues to agonize over its project to build a car factory in Britain, Professor Geoffrey Bownas explains the successful Japanese industrial cycle that lies at the heart of the decision.

It may be more complex than people think for Japan to meet the demands of competitors to diversify its range of exports. Even the overtures from Europe to persuade Japanese companies to invest for manufacturing...

Table with 2 main sections: CONSUMER DURABLES and CONSUMER ELECTRONICS. Columns include Year (1972-1982) and Diffusion rates in Japan (percentage of households). Rows include Colour television, Stereo recorder, Room air conditioner, etc.

examples. Colour TV is also in the 60s, with its cycle now complete. In 1964, you were really up with the Japanese... So it was following precedent when Sony's Bridgend plant opened for full colour TV production in 1975...

Midland Bank plc



In accordance with Articles 133 and 134(1) of the Bank's Articles of Association... NOTICE IS HEREBY GIVEN that an EXTRAORDINARY GENERAL MEETING of Midland Bank plc will be held at Midland Bank plc, Head Office, Poultry, London EC2P 2BX on the 15th August, 1983 at 2.30 p.m.

ORDINARY RESOLUTION

THAT (a) the share capital of the Bank be increased from £250,000,000 to £275,000,000 by the creation of 25,000,000 new Shares of £1 each, and (b) the Directors be and they are authorised in accordance with Section 14 of the Companies Act 1980...

By Order of the Board D. P. G. Wyatt Secretary

Registered Office: Poultry, London, EC2P 2BX 29th July 1983

Note: A member entitled to attend and vote at the Meeting is entitled to appoint one or more proxies to attend and, on a poll, to vote instead of him or her...

U.S. \$30,000,000

IBJ

The Industrial Bank of Japan, Limited London

Floating Rate London-Dollar Negotiable Certificates of Deposit due 30th January, 1987

In accordance with the provisions of the Certificates, notice is hereby given that for the six month Interest Period from 29th July, 1983 to 31st January, 1984, the Certificates will carry a 10% interest rate per annum...

Credit Suisse First Boston Limited Agent Bank

Macarthy's Pharmaceuticals p.l.c.

Extract from Preliminary Statement for year to 30 April 1983.

Turnover levels have been maintained in the second half of our financial year and at £265m for the full year are 23% up on the previous trading period; profits in the last six months show a 42% increase over those for the first half of the year.

Business since year-end has been brisk in most of our Divisions.

Group sales and profits

Table with 3 columns: Year to 30 April, 1983, 1982, and £'000. Rows include External sales, Group profit before taxation, Group profit after taxation, Earnings per share, Dividend - Interim and Final.

MAILING REQUEST FOR 1983 REPORT (available 1st September 1983) Name Address

ICI in 1983

First half year

The Board of Directors of Imperial Chemical Industries PLC announce the following unaudited trading results of the Group for the first half of 1983, with comparative figures for 1982.

Table with 3 columns: 1982, Year, 1983. Rows include Sales to external customers, Profit before taxation, Profit after taxation, Earnings before extraordinary items, Earnings per £1 Ordinary stock.

Group chemical sales in the first half of 1983 were £3,705m, an increase of £481m (15%) over the first half of 1982. Volume accounted for 8% of the increase and exchange effects for 7%.

Group chemical sales in the second quarter were £1,904m, an increase of £103m (6%) over the first quarter of 1983 resulting mainly from an increase in the USA and an improvement in volume in the seasonal businesses.

Table with 5 columns: Chemical Sales, Oil Sales, UK Chemical Exports, Profit Before Tax. Rows include 1982, 1st Quarter, 2nd Quarter, 3rd Quarter, 4th Quarter, Year.

(£10m) and the fibres and organic chemicals businesses continued to trade at near breakeven levels. The Group's oil business produced trading profits of £23m in the quarter (first quarter 1983 £24m) after petroleum revenue tax of £37m (first quarter 1983 £34m).

The charge for taxation, which excludes oil taxes, for the first half of 1983 amounted to £102m (first half of 1982 £46m) comprising £68m of UK corporation tax (£10m) and £34m taxation of overseas subsidiaries and principal associated companies (£36m).

On a CCA basis, prepared in accordance with UK accounting standard, SSAP16, profit before tax for the half year was £224m. The inflation adjustments to the historical cost accounts are -£90m (-£85m in the first half of 1982) for supplementary depreciation, -£28m (-£27m) for working capital, +£31m (+£29m) for gearing and +£13m (+£16m) for others.

Interim Dividend for 1983 The Board has declared an interim dividend of 10.0 pence (ten point nought pence) per £1 unit of Ordinary stock of the Company in respect of the year 1983 (1982 9.0 pence). This together with the imputed tax credit of 4.29 pence is equivalent to a gross dividend of 14.29 pence (1982 12.86 pence).

The interim dividend now declared will absorb £61m and is payable on 10 October 1983 to Ordinary stockholders registered in the books of the Company on 26 August 1983.

Trading results for the first nine months of 1983 will be announced on Thursday 27 October 1983.



Imperial Chemical Industries PLC

BANCO DE CHILE US\$35,000,000 Floating Rate Notes due 1986 in accordance with the provisions of the Notes notice is hereby given that the Rate of Interest for the next Interest Period has been fixed at 10 3/8% per annum.

Base Lending Rates table with columns for Bank Name and Rate. Includes ABN Bank, Barclays, BCCI, etc.

INTERNATIONAL BANK FOR RECONSTRUCTION AND DEVELOPMENT £100,000,000 11 1/2 per cent. Bonds 1988 Issue Price 99 1/2 per cent. Payable for value on August 15, 1983 Baring Brothers & Co., Limited

BELL'S SCOTCH WHISKY BELL'S

A bumper set of second-quarter figures from ICI offering further evidence that the worst of the recession is over...

United States support was also good for another 3p on BOC Group at 243p...

Dividend cheer from ICI

ACCOUNT DATES: Dealings began, July 18. Dealings end, July 29. Closing Day, Aug 1. Settlement Day, Aug 8.

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Drayton Consolidated Trust has bought an extra 200,000 shares in its associate, British Industrial & General Investment Trust (BIGIT)...

Banque Belge has sold its rights entitlement of 4.7 million new shares in Greenecoat Properties to Canada Life Assurance...

Group is that the board has received an approach which could lead to a bid. The bid news is that a further announcement could be some way off...

Securities first venture into the Business Expansion Scheme opened at 30p compared with a placing price of 15p...

The shares opening unchanged at 86p. The recent offer for sale of 750,000 shares by brokers Greene & Co flopped with only 35 per cent of the shares taken up...

But Video Brokers, Harvard & Putnam are placing 1.3 million shares (2.8 per cent of the group) in Aarinite, the passive fire protection group with big interests in the North Sea...

Mercantile House put up a sterling performance closing 2p down on the day at 813p, despite Globe Investment Trust and Electra cashing in their profits and placing 7 million shares at 725p...

Technology For Business, the computer systems group which specialises in supplying the legal profession, made an unimpressive debut on the USM with

Stores jitters were on the run yesterday as shares of Woodworth rebounded 9p to 265p and forced them to limit the size of the unmet to only 5,000 shares at one stage...

early lead to close 1p down on the day at 152p. Gilts remained a dull market losing up to 50p in quiet trading...

British Aerospace has beaten Texas Instruments and Lucas Industries for the Government's £300m contract to supply an anti-radar missile system.

Shares of British Aerospace celebrated the news with a 7p rise to 204p, but Lucas, which was involved with a joint venture with Texas, lost an

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Table of Banks and Discounts: High, Low, Stock, Price Change, Div Yield, P/E

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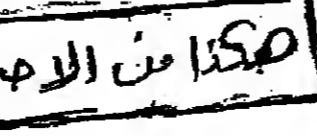
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Table of Miscellaneous: High, Low, Stock, Price Change, Div Yield, P/E

Table of Unlisted Securities: High, Low, Stock, Price Change, Div Yield, P/E



INVESTORS' NOTEBOOK edited by Michael Prest

Fund-raising capacity nears crisis

New capital issues are strictly a secondary line for the stock market...

Having said that, it is a sign of great resilience in the market that the share indices managed healthy rises on Wednesday...

Remember, that came in the same week that Mr Nigel Lawson, the Chancellor, revealed that he was going to dump another chunk of £500m of British Petroleum stock on the market in the next few months.

The present buoyancy is one thing. But given the enormous privatization programme starting next year, there will at some time be a real strain on the market's capacity to fund new equity issues.

Rights issues posed no threat to share prices last year or the first quarter of this year, when, in any case, the biggest investing institutions were hardly extending their cash flow in long-term investments.

The message from those figures was that there is still plenty of money around to invest. But the position has already changed substantially since March. In the second quarter, according to Stock Exchange figures, rights issues topped £950m, with almost £500m booked last month.

Again, that posed little

Table with 5 columns: INSTITUTIONS' CASH FLOW QUARTERLY £m, 1982 1st, 2nd, 3rd, 4th, 1983 1st. Rows include Inflow to pension funds, Investments, UK Ordinary shares, etc.

Sources: Central Statistical Office, Stock Exchange statistics department.

problem because, on the evidence of government funding problems, the institutions were snubbing a new gilt-edged investment. But the mini-funding crisis since the election...

After a relatively slack period last year, when the inflow into pension funds actually dipped with the weight of redundancies, stockbrokers Grieson Grant expect institutional cash flow to rise by 9 per cent this year and 8.5 per cent next year.

Portsmouth and Sunderland

Portsmouth and Sunderland Newspapers First quarter to 2.7.83 Pretax profit £283,000 (£281,000) Started earnings 6.5p (5.0p) Turnover £3.6m (7.4m) Share price 159p, up 3p

intriguing question is what will happen to investment in shares abroad, for some time the severest competitor to equity investment at home...

It could linger until US election uncertainty takes hold early next year but it might be too late for London equities.

Experience in the country shows that property advertising, despite estate agents' own free sheets, and motor advertising, has picked up sharply.

Singlo Group

Singlo Group Year to 2.4.83 (53 weeks) Pretax profit £1.5m (£1.7m) Stated earnings 4.4p (3.54p) Turnover £51.7m (£40.7m) Share price 53p, up 2p Yield 3.9%

Singlo Group has carved out an interesting niche in the South-west of England's retail market against tough competition from operators such as Tesco and Asda

Prices are similar to those at Kwik Save which offers about 1,000 lines. The difference is that Singlo has a minimum of 6,000 supermarket offers on its shelves. Prices are probably 8 per cent to 12 per cent cheaper than at competing conventional supermarkets...

The stores trade under the Norman's banner and were formed as a result of a takeover in 1979 after rationalization of tea estates. There are still plantations in Malawi which turned in profits of £257,000 against £83,000 after a record crop and auction prices up by two-fifths.

Profits should continue to grow this year and Singlo could turn in £1.75m. Capital expenditure should be down on last year's £1.5m as the company consolidates last year's growth.

Evode seeks £3.9m cash for expansion

By Susan Boyan

Evode, the adhesives and insulation products group, is following better-than-expected interim profits with a £3.9m rights issue of £1 nominal for every four shares held of 8 per cent convertible loan stock.

At the same time Equity Capital for Industry is subscribing at par for £500,000 of new 8 per cent cumulative redeemable preference shares.

The new capital is intended to expand the existing business and make further acquisitions. Purchases over the past 18 months have cost the company £3.6m net and capital expenditure is continuing at a substantial level.

First half profits rose 45 per cent to £865,000 or a 12.7 per cent rise in turnover to £22.9m. The figures in the first half of last year were hit by the costs of acquiring and integrating the new businesses, which this time made their full contribution.

Except for the Irish operations, business was buoyant across the board because of the upturn in the building cycle and the improvement in consumer spending.

Members of the family of the chairman, Mr A. H. Simon, who hold 42 per cent of the new stock and ECI has said that it will subscribe for £550,000 of the stock in addition to their preference shares.

The stock will be converted at a rate of 97 ordinary shares per £100 nominal in April between 1987 and 2003.

The interim dividend has been boosted by 20 per cent to 0.7116 pence per share.

The shares closed at 101p yesterday, unchanged on the day.

Nottingham profits rise 11%

By Our Financial Staff

Nottingham Manufacturing, the prominent Marks and Spencer supplier, showed a solid rate of growth during the first half of calendar 1983 with pretax profits 11.1 per cent higher at £6.85m on turnover 6 per cent better at £90.49m.

The interim has been raised to 1.35p per share from 1.2p.

Once again, the company's hefty cash holdings added the spice with investment income jumping 15.5 per cent to £2.96m. Trading profits benefited from the slightly easier pricing environment as well as the continued powering forward of its key customer, Marks and Spencer.

The market had hoped for better things, however, and shares closed down 3p yesterday at 216p.

WILLIAM WHITTINGHAM (HOLDINGS) PLC. THIS ANNOUNCEMENT IS IMPORTANT AND REQUIRES YOUR IMMEDIATE ATTENTION. Invitation to Tender for Cash. Includes details of share repurchase and financial information.

COMMODITIES

Table of commodity prices including LONDON METAL EXCHANGE, SUGAR, COCOA, RUBBER, and various international financial rates.

Large table of financial data including Authorized Units & Insurance Funds, with columns for Fund Name, Bid, Offer, and Yield.

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Gay Lemur looks set to continue the Hobbs revival

By Michael Phillips, Racing Correspondent. Gay Lemur looks a sporting bet to win the Exel Handicap Stakes at Goodwood today...

point by winning the principal race at Goodwood this afternoon. His task is anything but easy with 9st 10lb to carry...

Stakes. This is the race that first cast Denbeath in such a favourable light last year. Following a highly promising debut at Sandown...

Reflection, who finished third that day, has a healthy pall of 9lb in the weights this afternoon for three lengths but I still prefer Contes Concorde.

Goodwood. Draw advantage: high numbers best. 2.0 FOXHALL STAKES (2-y-o fillies; 25,727; 7f) (13 runners)...

Thirsk. Draw advantage: High numbers best. 2.15 GOLDEN FLEECE STAKES (Selling; £1,117; 1m 4f) (12 runners)...

Newmarket. Draw: No advantage. 7.40 BEDFORD LODGE HOTEL HANDICAP (22:021; 7f) (15)...

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3.40 RALPH HUBBARD HANDICAP (2-y-o fillies; £4,896; 5f) (10). 4.10 SELSEY STAKES (2-y-o; £4,518; 6f) (11)...

TENNIS. Lloyd back to losing. South Orange, New Jersey (Reuters) - John Lloyd, of Britain, who had caused a surprise in the first round of the Open championships...

RUGBY UNION. Welcome visitors. As if to confirm Rugby's international appeal, national touring sides will descend upon England and Wales in the first two months of the new season...

HOCKEY. Jamaicans open door. On Monday England and Wales fly off to face a Whitehead and the under-21 touring teams from both countries will take part in the Caribbean tournament...

ATHLETICS. Sly glimmer of hope. The one glimmer of hope in British women's middle distance is Wendy Sly, the only person selected to double up in Helsinki, at 1500 metres...

Goodwood selections. 2.0 Carocrest, 2.30 Sabre Dance, 3.5 Gay Lemur, 3.40 Countess Concorde, 4.10 Dynamic Leader, 4.40 Treader...

BUSINESS TO BUSINESS. COMMERCIAL AND INDUSTRIAL PROPERTY. PALL MALL No Premium. W2 (Off Edgware Road). U.K. QUOTED PUBLIC COMPANY. AP LEAMINGTON FOOTBALL CLUB. INVENTORS FORUM. HOTELS AND LICENSED PREMISES. TRANSPORT/PLANT YARD. FOR SALE. THE BEACH MOTEL. UNIQUE OPPORTUNITY. COMMERCIAL SERVICES. LIMITED COMPANIES. J.P. COMPANY REGISTRATIONS LTD. LEADERSHIP. WORLDWIDE SPECIAL PROJECTS. MANAGEMENT PROBLEMS. TENERIFE. QUALITY LICENSED RESTAURANT. MOBILITY SHARE. BRICK JOB CHALLENGER. (continued on page 22)

Today's television and radio programmes

Edited by Peter Davalle

BBC 1
6.00 Breakfast AM. You do not need to text facility to receive this service...

tv-am
6.25 Good Morning Britain: presented by Anne Diamond and Nick Owen...

ITV/LONDON
6.25 Thames news headlines. Followed by Sesame Street: easy learning...

BBC 2
6.05 Open University (unit 6.10) Math: vibration absorbers...

CHANNEL 4
5.30 In Search of Paradise. Another in this series about man's attempts...

Radio 4
6.00 News Briefing. 6.10 Farming Today. 6.30 Today, including 6.45 Prayer for the Day...

TONIGHT'S PROM
7.30 Tchaikovsky: Piano Concerto No 1 in B minor...

Radio 2
News on the hour every hour (except 8.30am and 8.45am). 7.30am News...

FREQUENCIES: Radio 1: 1053kHz/285m; 1069kHz/276m; Radio 2: 683kHz/433m; 909kHz/330m; Radio 3: 1215kHz/247m VHF 90.5; Radio 4: 200kHz/1500m VHF 92.95; LBC 1152kHz/261m VHF 97.3; Capital: 154kHz/194m VHF 95.8; BBC Radio London 1458kHz/206m VHF 94.9; World Service MF 648kHz/463m

ENTERTAINMENTS
GRUFF RHYNS JONES IN CHARLEY'S AUNT
THE ROYAL OPERA HOUSE
CONCERTS
THEATRES

ALAN BAKER
JOHN HENNESSY'S PATRIOT FOR ME
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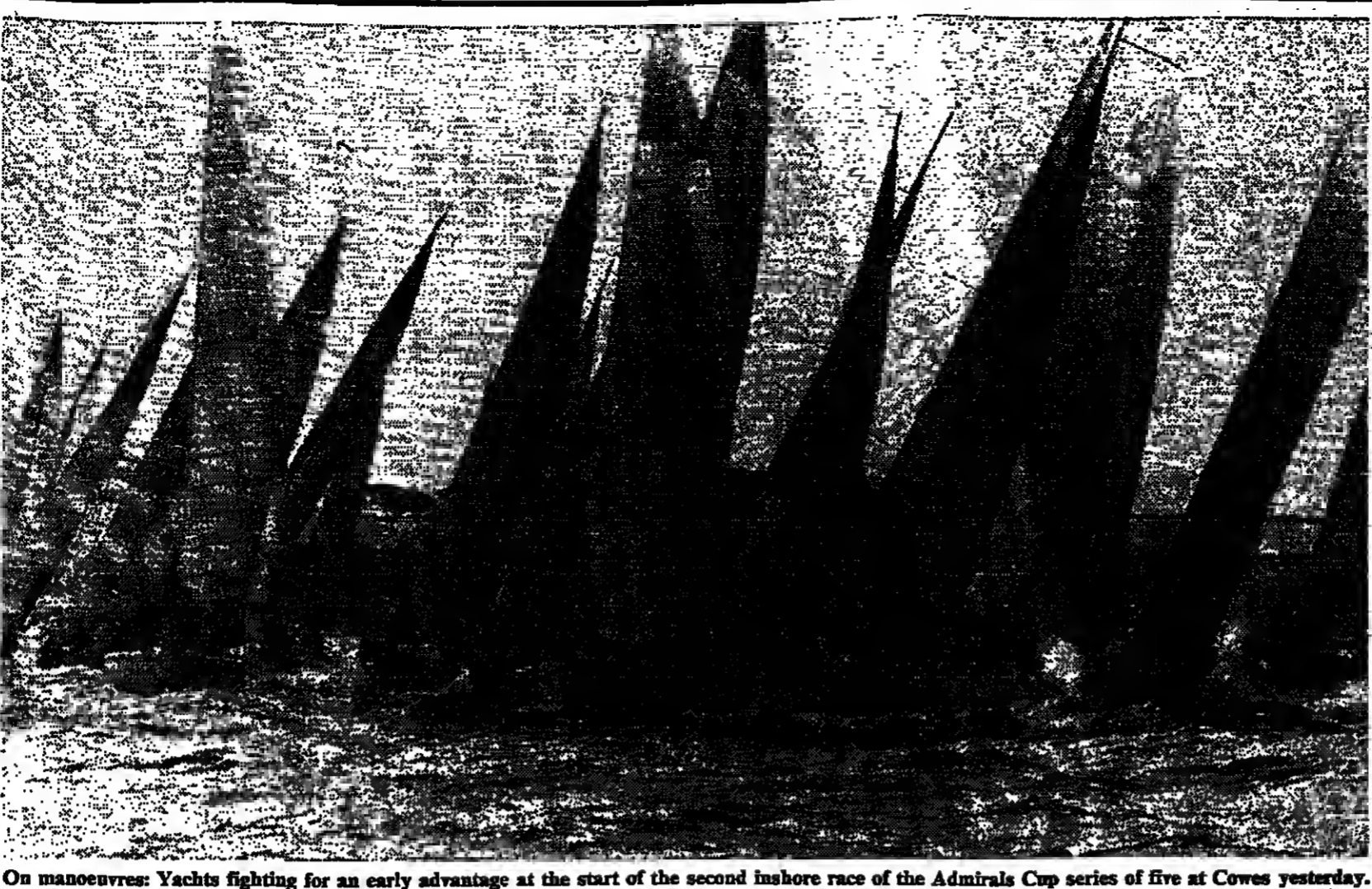
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RAYMOND BURR UNDERGROUND
PLAY OF THE YEAR
ANOTHER COUNTRY
BEETHOVEN'S TENTH
THE MOUNTAIN
GREAT & SMALL
SIX JOHN MILLS
THE REALITY SHOW
CINEMAS

ART GALLERIES
LEIGH INTERNATIONAL
COMPANY NOTICES
Classified Dept, 01-837 3311 or 3333

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Cabinet to order British missile

By Rodney Cowton
Defence Correspondent
The Cabinet yesterday finally decided to back British technology with a £250m order for a new missile for the Royal Air Force.



On manoeuvres: Yachts fighting for an early advantage at the start of the second inshore race of the Admirals Cup series of five at Cowes yesterday.

Frank Johnson in the Commons Biffen rattles the ultimate weapon

Yesterday, the last full parliamentary day before the long recess, was marked by Labour members demanding assurances that the House would be recalled should the situation worsen in Central America. After rattling his standing order, thus threatening the world peace of all MPs about to go on holiday...

Israel tells Phalange to quit barracks

Continued from page 1
houses are our houses" when Phalangist officers shepherded journalists into the village. "We will lie down in the street and let Israeli tanks drive over us..."

Shipyard sell-off to go ahead

By Jones than Davis
Energy Correspondent
The Government is pressing ahead with plans to sell off British Shipbuilders' profitable warship yards, Mr Norman Lamont, Minister of State for Industry, said yesterday.

Arabs under curfew for Jewish ceremony

Continued from page 1
quarter of a city holy both to Arabs and Jews. "I am not under curfew and nobody has interviewed me or my followers about the shooting..."

Today's events
Royal engagements
The Duke of Edinburgh attends
The Duke of Kent hosts a lunch
New exhibitions
The Times Crossword Puzzle No 16,194

The pound
Bank Bank
Australia \$ 1.80 1.72
Austria Sch 29.20 27.65
Belgium Fr 33.00 31.90

Roads
London and South-East M20: Lane closures between junction 1 (Swanley) and 7 (A289, NE of Maidenstone).
Wales and West A40: Only one lane open westbound W of Carmarthen A47.

Weather
A ridge of high pressure will move slowly S over England and Wales, allowing a frontal trough to move SE across Scotland.
6 am to midnight
London, SE, central S, SW England, Midlands, Cheshire, Lancs, N Wales: Any fog patches clearing, sunny periods developing. Wind NW, backing W, moderate, becoming dry and bright, max temp 24 to 26C (75 to 79F).

Food prices
Farmers are being allowed to sell extra-small potatoes for the next month because of the impact of the dry weather on the crop. The smallest allowed at the moment is 35mm, which would normally rise to 40mm next week as later crops become ready for lifting.

THE TIMES INFORMATION SERVICE

The papers
Commenting on Mr Michael Foot's last day in Parliament as Labour leader, the Daily Mirror says: "The job he was given to unite a party determined to tear itself apart, was an impossible one..."

Crossword puzzle grid with 30 numbered squares for clues.

ACROSS
1 Ge's help that's denied (8).
5 Transport offered to Miss Bell (6).
10 The channel infested with sea-birds? (5).
11 Lener from abroad, not long ago, provides material for this (9).

DOWN
1 Titanic, boat grotesque (6).
2 Supporting evil for instance, friend is outside the law (9).
3 Climbing city street first in fashion (5).
4 What starts things moving? ("Time's up") (7).

Top films
Top box-office films in London
1. Superman II
2. Octopussy
3. Return of the Jedi

Top video rentals
1. Mad Max II (Warner)
2. Rocky II (Warner)
3. Poltergeist (MGM/UA)
4. Vigilante (Intervision)

Lighting-up time
London 9.54 pm to 9.50 am
Bristol 9.54 pm to 9.50 am
Edinburgh 9.54 pm to 9.50 am

Pollen forecast
Pollen count Peak times
Aberdeen 1.2 8 to 10 pm
Belfast 1.5 3 to 5 pm
Brighton 1.8 3 to 5 pm

Weather maps and data
NOON TODAY Pressure in millibars
High tides
London Bridge 5.26 AM HT 5.31 PM HT
Aberdeen 5.28 AM HT 5.32 PM HT

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